THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH); Ca) No such information is available with the Government.

(b), (d) and (e) Does not arise.

(c) Reason for exempting drugs irom price control are given in the Kelkar Committee report, copies oi which are available in the Parliament Library.

(f) and (g) To the extent information is available price of ATS anti-snake venum injection have gone up. The price of these drugs were fixed under DPCO, 1979 and the manufacturer revised their price due to increase in input costs.

Arrears recoverable from IDPL and HAL

3142. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister oi INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a heavy ount is due from IDPL and HAL under para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has not worked out the total amount due from, these companies; and

(c) if so, what are the details and by when the total amount due from them will be worked out and recover ed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH*E* DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SlNGH): (a) to (c) Government has decided *to* drop proceedings under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 against the *two* public sector companies IDPL and HAL.

आवश्यक भेषजों के मूल्य

3143. **श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि श्रेणी I और II के अन्तर्गत आने वाली 149 आवश्यक औषधियों के मूल्य नियत करने का सरकार ने निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इन औषधियों के नामों की घोषणा करने में विलम्ब के क्या कारण है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में रसायन और पेट्रो-रसायन विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० के० जयचन्द्र सिंह) : (क) और (ख) औषध (मूल्य नियंत्रण) आदेश, 1987 के अन्तर्गत मूल्य निर्धारण/संशोधन एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है।

(ग) मूल्यों को अधिसूचित करने में कोई देरी नहीं हुई है।

Price rise of medicines

3144. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of medicines have gone up very high;

' (b) whether it is also a fact that wholesale price index based on 1970 does not indicate the correct picture;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no independent study about the profitability of Drug Industry bas been made during the last five years;

(d) if so, om what basis the mark ups on drugs have been increased and price decontrol basket has been expanded; and

(e) how such a step is in the consumers' interest?